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In re Application of:)
Rajnikant Patel et al.)
Serial No.: 09/659,683) Group Art Unit: 1626
Filed: September 11, 2000) Examiner: S. Wright
For: ONE POT SYNTHESIS OF)
2-OXAZOLIDINONE DERIVATIVES)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicants submit this response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2001.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a process, classified in class 548, subclass 229.
- II. Claim 12, drawn to a process, classified in class 548, subclass 229.
- III. Claim 13, drawn to a compound, classified in class 548, subclass 229.
- IV. Claims 14-16 and 22-24 drawn to intermediates, classified in classes 560/22+, and 564/374.
- V. Claims 17 and 25 drawn to an intermediate, classified in class 548, subclass 229.
- VI. Claims 18-20, drawn to processes, classified in class 560/22+, 564/374.
- VII. Claim 21, drawn to a process, classified in class 548, subclass 229.

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VIII. Claim 26, drawn to a composition, classified in classes 560/22+, and 564/374.

Applicants elect to prosecute with traverse group III directed to claim 13.

The restriction requirement is improper because the Examiner has made no indication that there would be a "serious burden" if the claims were examined together. Indeed, many of the groups came from the same class and subclass (e.g., groups I, II, II, IV, and VII are all from class 548, subclass 229).

Therefore, Applicants request the Examiner withdraw the restriction.

Applicants reserve the right to request a rejoinder of the non-elected subject matter once a favorable decision on patentability has been made on the elected subject matter.

Applicants further reserve the right to pursue any non-elected matter in one or more divisional applications.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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